



Oregon Fire Marshals Association

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2011, 11:00 hours

OFCA Conference, Eagle Crest

1st Vice President Troy Buzalsky called the meeting to order at 11:17 hours. The roll was called and a quorum was confirmed:

Members Present

Troy Buzalsky, 1st Vice President
Kate Stoller, Treasurer
Michael Silva, Director, 1 Year Director
Tom Bohm, 3 Year Director
Debbie McDermott, 2nd Vice President
John Rinier, 2 Year Director

Members Absent/Excused

Mark Wilson, President
Doug Friant, Past President
Jim Walker, Ex Officio

Staff:

Mary Tucker, OFMA Staff

Guests:

Mission Statement: Director Silva read the OFMA Mission Statement

Additions to Agenda

- Send an invitation to Jim Everett to call in during Good of the Order if he wishes
- Smoke alarm workshop – good of the order

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Moved by Silva and Seconded by Bohm to approve minutes as amended.

Motion passed.

Financial report

Treasurer Stoller distributed copies of the Balance Sheet and an income/expense comparison of this fiscal year and last. She explained the scholarship fund is included in the checking account and in the future she will have to manually record the scholarship balance. Money for external training will be based on federal guidelines and a check will be issued before the event so the attendee will have cash in hand. She will forward scholarship applications to Tom, the board needs to discuss whether scholarships will be long term. Debbie reported more yellow books need to be printed. This item has already been budgeted, so no board action was necessary. Itemized reports of all the accounts are available upon request

Motion: Moved by McDermott and seconded by Bohm to approve the financial report as presented. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence

- Letter from Mark Wilson in favor of the Douglas County Sprinkler Grant
- Jim Everett's resignation
- A letter from Chief Klum will be discussed at a later time.

OSFM Report

- No report.

Old Business

Strategic Planning Dates Dates have been finalized as Tuesday, May 31st thru Thursday, June 2nd. Director Silva has confirmed the location is available. The plan will be to keep the number of agenda items few to focus on what needs to be done. The retreat will begin 10:00am Tuesday, for the Board Meeting thru lunch Thursday. The board discussed food.

Motion: Moved by Rinier and seconded by McDermott to give Director Silva pre-funding for food for the strategic planning. Motion passed.

The board felt CSC should attend the retreat as support staff, but may be asked to leave if the board wishes to discuss their management contract.

A hard copy map will be provided by Director Silva. Agenda items should go to 1st VP Buzalsky. Crosby and a state fire marshal rep will be invited.

The May meeting will happen at the Strategic Planning session, there will be no June board meeting.

Residential Fire Sprinkler classes Director McDermott has spoken with Eric McMullen and he is not interested in continuing to teach the classes. If someone else wanted to teach the class Eric would probably offer his power point presentation. TVF&R will be offering a class on April 27th, OFMA has already sent this out to its members. A possible class could be given in June in McMinnville. The rest of the dates will be tabled and discussed at Strategic Planning.

Planning for Joint Roundtable Washington is concerned at OFMA seeming lack of commitment. They feel the venue should have been decided by this time, and have additional concerns as well. The board felt that OFMA would commit to the Joint Conference, the concern was whether the Washington people could travel out of state. Should the Washington folks not make it, the OFMA roundtable would still be in Portland.

Western Regional Fire Code Development Committee Jim's letter of resignation was accepted. The board discussed his replacement. It was felt that it should be opened up to all OFMA members in good standing, an application would need to be submitted, and a letter of support from their department. A list of expectations from both NFPA and OFMA would be given to the liaison for clarity. The next meeting of the NFPA is in August, the decision will need to be made before then. President and 1st Vice President will work on an application process and will submit it to the board at the strategic planning session.

NFPA 72 The Board discussed this policy to deal with false alarms. Director Stoller explained that in 10 years of responding to building fire alarms only 2 were actual fires, the rest were false alarms. In this policy, the alarm company verifies with the occupant there is a fire before sending

out crews. If no verification, crews are still sent. If the occupant is contacted and a false alarm is verified, no crews are sent, but later three people will respond to try and discover the source of the false alarm. The verification process adds 90 seconds to the response time. Alarmed buildings are generally sprinkled. TVF&R has adopted this policy, Portland is looking to adopt. State code has not been amended.

Concerns from members of the board: Could the decision have been financially driven? Response time is slower and therefore causes more danger in a real fire. There was a question of TVF&R's 10 year fire vs. false alarm data.

This is an OFMA issue. The OFCA took a position on this issue without consultation with anyone else, the decision to be should not be financially driven.

Committee liaisons Board discussed committee liaisons, they should give actual reports, if a committee consistently does not give a report, maybe it shouldn't be on the agenda.

New Business

Promote Training Opportunities The board discussed putting a possible educational link on OFMA website and send out training information to membership.

Committee Reports

- Education and Conference Committee Discussed under Joint Roundtable.
- Bylaws, Policies and Resolutions Committee Deferred until the Strategic Planning session.
- Membership Committee Rinier had nothing to report, he will email his report later. Board discussed what happens to membership if a member doesn't pay, the dues policy may need to be rewritten.
- Scholarship Committee Director Bohm indicated he will look through scholarships and report back to the board.
- Legislative Committee Buzalsky reported on the three fire service bills, OFMA is most concerned about water upcharges. That bill is expected to be killed. More will be discussed at the strategic planning session.
- Audit Committee No report.
- Historical Committee No report.

Liaison Reports

- Fire Code Written report. (Exhibit A)
- ICC No report.
- OFCA No report.
- DPSSST Fire Policy Committee No report.
- Oregon Life Safety Committee Focused on tsunami emergency response, mobile unit to educate on tsunami and earthquakes. Life Safety team has a new logo.
- Juvenile Fire Setter Meet twice a year in Tigard. Committee has changed its name, Debbie will send new name (on the OSFM website)
- Oregon Building Officials Association No report.
- Governor's Fire Service Policy Council No report. Debbie will ask if Eric will still represent OFMA.
- Oregon Fire Sprinkler Coalition Written report. (Exhibit A)
- National Fire Protection Association No report. Staff will attempt to obtain a written report from Crosby in the future.

- *Oregon Fire Fatality Study* The study includes fire injuries because there are more injuries than deaths. The data can be found on the OSFM website. Most injuries are caused by people attempting to extinguish fires, most fires started by space heaters. Possible education themes.
- *International Fire Marshals' Association* Wilson will be attending in June.
- *Recognition and Advisory Committee* No report.

Good of the Order

- *Smoke Alarm Display* board will have a work session after the meeting to work on the display. Buzalsky handed out some brochures for “Stop at 4” campaign.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for May 31st at the Strategic Planning facility.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 13:15 hours.

Transcribed by

Mary Tucker, OFMA Staff

COMMITTEE / LIAISON REPORT PRESIDENT WILSON

Dear OFMA Board – Due to a family commitment, I will, again, miss this month's board meeting. I respectfully submit this report on the various committees and liaisons that I am responsible for:

Oregon Fire Code Committee:

- Larry Pigg, from Knox Box, demonstrated a product that the Knox Company has that allows emergency access to restricted areas. He stated that the product was developed at the request of the fire service.
- Dick Haney, Portland Fire, presented language for a Technical Advisory regarding recycling containers near or in exit corridors. Those present discussed some language changes including a stipulation about containers in corridors of health care facilities. Dick will craft new language taking in to consideration the suggestions and then forward it to John Caul to have it reviewed by the health care interests. It was moved and seconded to accept the TA, with suggested changes.
- Mid-cycle amendments by BCD will occur in January 2012. Any changes to Chapters 9 and 10 will occur with the mid-cycle amendments.
- A sub-committee made up of Dick Haney, John Rinier and Al Good reviewed several TA's for consistency with current code and recommended that all TA's, except 05-04 "delivery rate – NFPA 1142," be brought forward with minor edits and reference updates.
- George Crosiar is asking for input on; "What is replacing an alarm system and what is repairing or modifying an existing one?" How / when are others requiring a new system versus updating an existing system? Using code language, Administrative Rule or what? Contact George if you have or are dealing with this issue.
- Next OFCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 0930 hrs.

International Code Committee:

- There has been no news updates provided.

Oregon Fire Chiefs Association:

- Last meeting of OFCA board was at the NW Leadership Seminar in Portland on March 1, 2011. Legislative updates were provided and reports presented by guest associations including OFMA.
- Next OFCA meeting is during the spring conference at Eagle Crest.

Oregon Fire Sprinkler Coalition:

- Focus on finding a new coalition chair was emphasized. Eric McMullen has stepped down as the chair. Some individuals have been approached but none have agreed. Both Crosby Grindle and Alec Jensen have suggested that current OFMA President Wilson become the new chair. President Wilson agreed to discuss it with his supervisor but would really like to see if the committee could find a more suitable replacement.
- Dennis Mathisen, NFPA, has been hired to be the Regional Fire Sprinkler Specialist. The position focuses on the residential sprinkler initiatives in the SW and NW regions.
- Chief Mike Hansen and Alec Jensen provided an update on the Water Meter Up-charge legislation. They have been meeting with the homebuilders who have been actively considering opposing the legislation because it changed from the original language of basically "no-charge" to a "discounted" charge. However, the homebuilders continue to work with them and at that time there was a good chance that they would be on board in favor.

EXHIBIT A

- Discussion to see if OSFM would work with TVF&R to produce a short 3-4 minute video showing the side by side demo differences with residential sprinklers. This video could be used to inform legislators as well as local authorities.
- The Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition and TVF&R will be hosting a side by side burn demonstration and sprinkler education event at the TVF&R training center on April 27, 2011.
- Oregon Gardens Fire Safety House project continues to move forward. Western States Fire Protection out of Oregon City is donating the labor and installation of the sprinkler system.
- The only "local adoption" effort that is being considered in the state is among the Lincoln County Fire Defense Chiefs who have been investigating the process over the past few months. They have been visited by John Caul, George Crosiar and Crosby Grindle to understand the process. Crosby would like to find other jurisdictions that would want to begin to lay the groundwork for local adoption of residential fire sprinklers.
- Next meeting of the coalition is Thursday, April 28, 2011 at OSFM offices at 1000 hrs.

International Fire Marshal's Association:

- Registration and reservations are made for President Wilson to attend the IFMA Chapter Presidents meeting in Boston this June. I am currently working on the year end report to be presented at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Wilson
President
OFMA